REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of January 17th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Roy Williams, one of New York State's Top 100 Most Wanted Fugitives, went on a week long crime spree which started on January 12, 2005 when he held up a bank in Jamaica, New York netting \$1,800. Later that day, he carjacked, kidnapped, and raped a 34-year-old women in the Jamaica Estates neighborhood. The next day, Williams, who was outside the Immaculate Conception Convent in Queens, New York, allegedly beat, pistol-whipped, and carjacked a 69-year-old nun. Then on January 18, 2005, he entered another bank in Queens, New York and threatened to kill the teller and all of her co-workers if she did not pass him the money. He netted about \$2,300 then fled. Williams was arrested by the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force later that day at his girlfriend's apartment in the Bronx, New York. Police are investigating if Williams is responsible for other bank robberies since his release from prison on December 20, 2004, on drug charges.

New York State Top 100 Most Wanted



Roy Williams

Wanted for Bank Robbery, Carjacking, Kidnapping, and Rape

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 14, 2005, Victor Beard, who was wanted by the Lorain County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office for drug trafficking and failure to turn himself for sentencing, was arrested by members of the Great Lakes Task Force (GLRFTF) in Chicago, Illinois. The investigation led to an address in Chicago, Illinois where Task Force members, along with investigators from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, observed the fugitive leaving a home and entering a vehicle. Members of the Task Force attempted to perform a felony traffic stop on the fugitive, however, Beard eluded officers and a short pursuit occurred. Task Force members lost the vehicle due to inclement weather, but quickly regrouped and set up a ruse on several areas known to the fugitive. Task Force members spotted Beard and followed him into a parking garage. As the fugitive attempted to disarm a Task Force officer, he was shot one time. The fugitive was detained and the Chicago Fire Department was called to the scene for medical treatment. Beard was to be sentenced to approximately 70 years in prison and facing over a \$100,000 fine.



Wanted for Drug

Trafficking

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 20, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), in conjunction with the Gwinnett County, Georgia, Sheriff's Department, arrested John Schiltgen at a home in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Schiltgen was wanted by Gwinnett County authorities for armed robbery and home invasion. On January 10, 2005, Schiltgen and two other males entered the home of an acquaintance and robbed the victim at gunpoint while two other males waited outside. When the victim did not immediately surrender his cash, the three males fired their 9mm handguns into the walls of the home in an attempt to scare him. With the assistance of the TOG, SERFTF investigators were able to track Schiltgen to a residence in Lawrenceville, Georgia where the subject was staying with his girlfriend. After entering the home, Schiltgen was found hiding under a mattress in the bedroom where investigators were forced to use a Taser device on the subject after he failed to follow verbal commands. Also arrested at the scene was Schiltgen's girlfriend who was charged with hindering the apprehension of a known criminal, harboring, and possession of marijuana. At the time of his arrest, Schiltgen was the prime suspect in six other home invasion robberies in the Gwinnett County area and may have been responsible for up to as many as twentyfive in all. His criminal history includes several prior arrests for burglary.



John Schiltgen

Wanted for Armed Robbery and Home Invasion

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Eric Wright was arrested in Los Angeles, California on January 16, 2005 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF). Wright was wanted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for murder in connection with a June 13, 2002 shooting incident which claimed the life of a 20-year-old victim. Wright, a member of the "84 Swans" street gang, along with two other individuals, allegedly attacked the victim with a submachine gun and a handgun as he walked across the street. The victim attempted to run down the street, screaming for help, as his assailants chased him down and continued to shoot him, executing him as he lay on the ground. The suspects then fled the scene. Two of the suspects were later apprehended, but Wright remained a fugitive. The shooting incident received significant attention at the time, as it was one of at least five shootings involving "Swan Bloods" at or near the scene of this shooting during the summer of 2002. The PSWRFTF adopted the case in March 2003 and, in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) and Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), investigated numerous leads in the Los Angeles area as well as in other states. PSWRFTF investigators recently developed information that Wright was associated with a residence in the Van Nuys area of Los Angeles and established surveillance at that location. After several days of surveillance, Wright was observed and taken into custody without incident.

84 Swans Street Gang Member



Eric Wright

Wanted for Homicide

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 21, 1998, Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Violent Crimes Unit responded to a residence in N.E. Washington, D.C. for a report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, they discovered a victim who had been shot in the head. According to detectives, the shooting was a result of a drug-related armed robbery. On January 18, 2005, a warrant was issued out of D.C. Superior Court, charging Damien Fonville with first degree murder, and the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force for apprehension. On January 21, 2005, just minutes before his release from DC Jail (on unrelated charges), investigators located and arrested Fonville without incident.

No Photo Available

Damien Fonville

Wanted for Murder